From the Chair

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Dear Sir,

Evidence Requests for Pensions Freedoms Inquiry

Thank you for the Department’s submission to the Committee’s ongoing inquiry on Pension Freedoms. Having analysed the written evidence we have received, we would like to ask for further information on a couple of issues to help us with our inquiry:

1. **Analysis on pension cold calling ban.** The Government has announced its intention to bring forward a ban on pension cold calling. Might you please inform the Committee:

   a) Whether the government has produced any analysis on the expected impact of such a ban?
   b) Specifically, has the government analysed the number of people exposed to pension cold calls and the expected reduction from a cold call ban?

2. **Data Sharing and Monitoring Group.** The PLSA referred to the Department’s Data Sharing and Monitoring Group. Our terms of reference for this inquiry asked if there is adequate monitoring of decisions being made. Would you please tell us:

   a) Who are the participants in this group?
   b) What data is being shared and monitored by the group?

3. **Spending on Pension Wise Communication.** Pension Wise is viewed favourably by those who use it but take-up is disappointing. Could you tell the Committee:
a) How much has been spent by the government advertising the service since its inception?
b) How does this compare to advertising spend for the automatic enrolment campaign?

Best wishes and I look forward to hearing from you,

Rt Hon Frank Field MP
Chair